



Spring 2016 April • May • June

Spring Is For The Birds!

You know it is officially spring when bird songs wake you in the morning and flashes of color in the trees have you craning your neck for a closer look. Join us at Wehr as we welcome the birds, back to field, forest, and pond.

Do you have a favorite bird that you love to see in spring? See our staff's top ten favorite spring migrants on page 12.

Woodcock and Woodfrogs Walk

Saturday, April 9, 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Wehr Nature Center is one of the few spots in Milwaukee County to view the iconic “sky dance” of the American Woodcock. After a short presentation about these unique shorebirds of the woods, we'll head out on a sunset stroll to witness one of nature's most spectacular scenes. As we wait for the woodcocks to kick off their night, we'll listen for wood frogs and other ephemeral pond favorites. Then it's off to the prairie where male woodcocks are establishing territories.

Registration Required By: Friday, April 8

*Fees: \$10 per person \$7 for Milwaukee County Residents
\$5 for members of Friends of Wehr*

Birding Beyond the Feeder: Bird Identification

Saturday, April 23, 9 am-Noon

Are you curious about a bird at your feeder or the songs you hear as you walk in the woods? We will start inside learning basic bird identification and binocular use, and then head outside to experience the beginning of migration. For eager early-risers, there will be a pre-session hike at 7:30 am.

Registration Required By: Friday, April 22

*Fees: \$15 per person \$12 for Milwaukee County Residents
\$10 for Friends of Wehr Members*

Birding With Paul

Sundays, May 1, 8, and 15, 7:30-10 am

Join expert birding leader Paul Boyer for an informative and enjoyable morning of birding. Bring your binoculars and field guide.

Free; No registration required



What's Coming Up...

**Family Frog Frolic
April 29 & 30**



**Mother's Day Native Plant Sale
May 7 & 8**



**Bat Night
June 10**



**Reptile Day
June 12**



**Summer Solstice Social
June 25**



**Butterfly Count
June 26**



Click the event logos for more information!



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Center News

Nature Center Receives National Volunteer Certification

Wehr Nature Center is pleased to announce the recent certification of our volunteer program as a Service Enterprise by the Points of Light Foundation. Points of Light, the world's largest organization dedicated to volunteer service, created the national Service Enterprise Initiative (SEI) to provide non-profits with the training and tools to fully utilize volunteers. Wehr is now one of a handful of certified organizations in the U.S. and the ONLY nature center in the country with this status!

A Service Enterprise is defined as an organization that successfully uses volunteers to fulfill their mission by using best management practices in working with volunteers. Service Enterprises outperform peer organizations on all aspects of organization effectiveness, and are more adaptable, and sustainable. In 2015, staff members Deb McRae, Emily Brown and Mary Gaub took part in a SEI training offered by the Volunteer Center of Milwaukee, a service of the Nonprofit Center. Our application portfolio had to include evidence of effective recruiting, training, and supervision of volunteers, as well as details on how we evaluate and track hours of service.

The certification process created some very tangible results. We now have a Volunteer Handbook, and through the use of Volgistics, a volunteer management software, we are able to accurately track hours of each volunteer's service. This has allowed us to calculate our Return on Volunteer Investment (ROVI), a number that has a direct impact on Wehr's financial sustainability. For every \$1 we invest in volunteers through things such as training, supervision, and recognition, Wehr receives more than twice that value back. Our ROVI is considered like revenue and will help to raise the sustainability ratio of our organization.

This is a great feather to add to Wehr's cap. Much of what made this Certification possible is the dedicated volunteers we have here at Wehr.

Thank you all!



Winter can be a slow season in nature, but Winter 2016 at Wehr was anything but slow. If you haven't visited since fall you will be pleasantly surprised by all the positive changes you see. Our amphitheater was renovated in August, but the lovely fall weather allowed us to keep adding benches well into December. There are now forty-five benches installed and the amphitheater is ready to host over 150 people once the weather warms. The amphitheater renovation is part of a long term effort by the Friends of Wehr and Milwaukee County Parks to make Wehr the most accessible Nature Center in the region. This effort got a "push" forward in January when our front doors were modified with accessible entry push buttons. A patron in a wheelchair can enter the Visitor Center without aid now, not to mention all of us who have our hands full or are rolling a stroller. As part of this front entry area work, new energy efficient windows were installed and our County electricians added new light panels that make the area beautiful and bright! Much needed new carpeting was installed in the Gardner Room and Fireplace Room in December. What a difference new, lighter, and un-stained carpet makes!



It has taken our whole community to make this progress possible. The Front Entry and carpeting were paid for from an old trust fund that the County was administering for Wehr Nature Center. This fund was created many years ago, before the Friends of Wehr existed, when someone who cared about Wehr bequeathed money upon their death. Today, all bequests go through the Friends so families receive a tax deduction and the funds are more easily accessed. The amphitheater renovation, like our window replacement project in 2013-14, was paid for by generous donations to and from the Friends of Wehr. These donations were amplified with

money from the Milwaukee County Matching Amenity Fund. This fund was created by the County Board a couple of years ago to match funds raised by Friends Groups to help improve Park facilities. Because of all of your generous donations, Wehr has been able to access over \$100,000 dollars in matching funds the last few years. The Matching Amenity funds were used to help finish replacing our siding, purchase more windows, and to cover some of the amphitheater renovation costs.

Progress will continue in 2016 as the Friends of Wehr are able to raise funds to re-deck the amphitheater stage and to add permeable pavers to our front walk-way. The Accessibility Project will keep moving forward as we find funds to make our restrooms more accessible and finish the boardwalk connection to our existing wetland trail. Friends of Wehr needs your donations to continue these important projects. Please consider buying a brick, donating an amphitheater bench, or just giving a donation to help get the stage re-surfaced. The County Matching Amenity Fund continues to be available in 2016, so every dollar we get can be used to receive a match. Please contact us at Wehr and we will be glad to give you more information on how you can make your donations go twice as far.

Deb McRae, Director



Friends Of Wehr

Thank You! Your contributions to the Friends of Wehr are appreciated and always used with careful consideration.



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tinuing support in keeping our feed-
ers full and our birds happy. Please
support their business located at
4454 S. 108th St. Greenfield.



Saturday, June 25, 7-9 pm

Help us celebrate the longest day of the year at this annual fundraiser. Join us at sunset for the lighting of the traditional summer solstice bonfire. Enjoy small plate dining and desserts, sample a summer mead, and browse the silent auction that supports Wehr's accessibility project.

\$20 per person \$5 upgrades your ticket to include an extra wine or beer token
Reservations guarantee a seat. Walk-ins welcome as space allows.



Mothers' Day Weekend Native Plant Sale

May 7 & 8, 9 am to 3:30 pm

Beautify your yard with native plants from Wehr's annual sale.

Nursery grown native wildflowers

suitable for sun or shade, wet or dry will be sold in 4-inch pots. Items for sale include

spring ephemerals, prairie plants, woodland plants, and a few wetland plant species. This is a very popular sale, so come early for the best selections. To reserve your selection of plants in advance, fill out and return the Pre-Order Form in this newsletter or download it from: <http://www.friendsofwehr.org/spring-events/mothers-day-native-plant-sale/> and return to Wehr by April 20. This will help assure (but not guarantee) your selections ahead of time.

Go to Order Form



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An Invitation to Our Annual Membership Meeting

Friends of Wehr members are invited to the organization's Annual Meeting on Saturday June 25, from 5:30-6:30 p.m. The annual meeting is required by the Friend's bylaws and is intended to keep members informed of the state of the organization. Everyone is welcome to attend but only Friends members can vote. The agenda includes a review of the annual report, updates by board committees, a financial report and election of the board of directors. In the past three years, the Friends have made considerable financial commitments to facilitate the renovation of the building and amphitheater. More needs to be done to complete the project. The Board needs to hear from the membership regarding these financial commitments. Mark your calendar for June 25! Following the meeting, the Friends will host the very special *Summer Solstice* event! What a great way to celebrate the start of summer. Let's make an evening of it!!



Nature Volunteer News



Upcoming Opportunities for Current Volunteers

Dotty's Crafters: Wednesdays, April 6, May 4, June 1; 1-3 pm

Native Plant Sale: Saturday & Sunday, May 7 & 8;
9 am – 12:30 pm or 12:30-4:30 pm

Earth Care Crew: (Plant related tasks – on the job training provided)
Thursdays, May 12, 19 & 26, June 2, 9, 16, 23

Interpretation for Volunteers: Saturday, April 30, 9 am-12 pm

Reptile Day: Sunday, June 12; 12:30-4:30 pm

Teaching Naturalist Trainings:

Digital Observation Technology Systems Training:

Tuesday, April 5, 12-4 pm

Nature's Neighborhoods, Soil Secrets:

Monday, April 1, 1-4 pm

Summer Puppet Show, Insect Safari:

Tuesday, May 10, 9 am – 12 pm

Watershed Training:

Monday, May 16, 1-4 pm

Buggy Olympics Summer Library Program:

Thursday, June 9, 9 am – 12 pm

Training Opportunity for All Volunteers

Interpretation for Volunteers

Saturday, April 30 9am-12pm

All volunteers are invited to this training that will explore how to utilize interpretive communication techniques to create memorable experiences for our visitors. We will polish our visitor service skills and discuss ways to provide informative and positive experiences that will keep visitors coming back.

Please pre-register by Monday, April 25

No cost; limited to active Wehr Nature Center Volunteers



Sat., April 16th
9 am – Noon

Join the nation-wide efforts to "Keep America Beautiful" by helping cleanup litter at Wehr Nature Center and throughout Whitnall Park. Volunteers check in at Wehr Nature Center. No registration required. Bags are provided; please bring your own gloves.

Ongoing Opportunities

Phenology, Wheel 'n Chip Society,

Critter Care, Office Work and more!

To find descriptions of volunteer opportunities, become a volunteer and sign-up to help go to:

<http://www.friendsofwehr.org/volunteer/> and fill out an online application or contact Mary Gaub at

mary.gaub@ces.uwex.edu

or 414-425-8550

Click to email!

New volunteers are always welcome!



New Volunteers

The following new people joined Wehr's volunteer crew between Sept. 1, 2015 and Jan. 30, 2016. Please say "Hi" and welcome them to the Wehr family the next time you see them.

Brandon Baker
Marsha Berenson
Debra Burmeister
Kathy Clarey
Kaitlynn Clark
Joyce Cline
Sue Cottingham
Miriam Dragosz
Pat Fojut
Larry Gold
Shannon Haley
Janis Hancock
Kathy Johnson

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Colleen Resendiz
Renee Rudolph
Kenneth Schoberg
Craig Spakowitz
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Jon Stollenwerk
Bethany Vanderhoff



APRIL

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For more information call 414-425-8550 All programs & events subject to change. Parking fees may apply.						
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10 NatureNauts 1-2 pm	11 NatureNauts 9:30-10:30 am Teaching Naturalist Training 1-4 pm	12 Wehr Astronomical Society - Dave DeRemer, Dir.-Horwitz Planetarium "The Incredible Life of Albert Einstein" 7 pm	13 Hike for Health 10:30 am	14 Walk Our Way 1-2 pm	15	16  GREAT AMERICAN CLEANUP 9 am-noon
17	18 Little Wonders 2 yr olds 9:30-10:30 am 3 yr olds 11 am-noon	19	20 Hike for Health 10:30 am Wisconsin Metro Audubon Society Tracy Hames, Exec Dir. -WI Wetlands Assc. "Wetlands of the Penokee Hills" 7 pm	21 Walk Our Way 1-2 pm	22	23 Birding Beyond the Feeder: Identification 9 am-noon
24	25	26 Wehr Naturally Creative ReUse 6:30-8:30 pm 	27 Hike for Health 10:30 am	28 Walk Our Way 1-2 pm	29 Family Frog Fest 7-9 pm 	30 Interpretation for Volunteers 9 am-12 pm Family Frog Fest 7-9 pm 

MAY

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Nature Discovery For Children



Little Wonders

A program for 2 and 3 year olds to share with their favorite adult

Times: 9:30-10:30 am for Two Year Olds 11 am- Noon for Three Year Olds

Mud Puddles

Mondays, April 4 & 18

Spring is here, bringing raindrops and mud puddles. Toddlers will enjoy the story, *Mud* by Mary Lyn Ray, paint with mud (disguised as finger paint), and enjoy a "muddy" snack. We will go on a puddle-jumping walk and make mud pies, so please bring rain boots and wear clothes that can get messy.

Pretty Petals

Monday, May 2

Bring your little sprout to this class celebrating seeds and flowers. Tots will hear the Lois Ehlert

story *Planting a Rainbow* and make their own magic seed necklace. We will pot a flower to take home, walk to see spring wildflowers, and enjoy a "seedy" snack.

Fish Tales

June 6

Come learn about our scaly, slippery friends the fish. Tots will hear a fishy story, make fish artwork, and even dip a pole into our imaginary fishin' hole. We will visit our resident fish in the aquarium and take a walk to the pond in search of friendly fish.



NatureNauts

A series of fun-filled programs for children 4-6 years old and their favorite adult

Times: 1-2 pm for Sunday Classes 9:30-10:30 am for Monday Classes

Crazy Over Cranes

Sunday, April 10 or Monday, April 11

Discover how you compare to Wisconsin's tallest bird. Learn how to talk like a crane, do the crane dance, and find out what it takes to raise a baby crane. NatureNauts will make their very own craft crane to take home.

Animal Eggs

Sunday, May 22 or Monday, May 23

Discover how animal eggs come in multiple sizes, shapes, and colors. NatureNauts will be "eggcited" for this "eggcellent" program. Don't miss it or the "yolk's" on you.

Terrific Turtles

Sunday, June 19 or Monday, June 20

Meet live turtles up close. Enjoy a short walk in search of turtles, and make a craft turtle to discover all the turtle fun.



Pre-registration is required for all children's programs Deadline is the Friday before the program date
Fees: \$10 per child \$7 Milwaukee County Residents \$5 Friends of Wehr Members



Nature Discovery for Adults

Wehr Naturally

Projects for adults that
help us live lightly on the earth.



Creative ReUse - Memories are Forever: Upcycled Photographic Creation

Thursday, April 7, 6:30-8:30 pm

Join Lisa Perkins and Ronni Shmauz of Re-Creation Station to create picture frames and other unique items to display your personal photos. Recycled and repurposed items will be provided, or bring your own. Participants are asked to bring 1 or 2 copies of their favorite photos to include in the projects.

Creative ReUse - Create a Garden with Upcycled Plant Containers

Tuesday, April 26, 6:30-8:30 pm

Create a planter in honor of Earth Day, using recycled and re-purposed objects. Lisa will also provide tips for container gardening and discuss how upcycling and recycling can benefit our community. Materials for the planter and a plant will be provided.

Resiliency Training-Healing Salve

Tuesday, May 3, 6:30-8:30 pm

Do you want to learn about plants that are antibacterial, antiseptic and aid in the healing of injuries? Shannon Francis will discuss which plants have chemicals that can aid in healing and you will make an easy salve to take home with you. All materials provided.

Resiliency Training-Insect Repellent

Tuesday, May 31, 6:30-8:30 pm

Shannon Francis will discuss natural insect repellents that can be more effective than DEET, but without side effects. Create a batch of home-made bug repellent and take home a 4 oz. container you can use for your outdoor activities. All materials provided.

Resiliency Training-Wild Edibles and Medicinal Plants

Tuesday, June 7, 6:30-8:30 pm

Do you want to include wild edibles in your diet to add nutrients and minerals to your meals? Shannon Francis will share how to identify and prepare some amazing plants that you may have in your own yard! Their medicinal qualities will also be discussed. All materials provided.

Pre-registration is recommended. Walk-ins are welcome as space allows.

Fee: \$25 per person; \$20 for Friends of Wehr Members

Discount! Sign-up for three classes at a time and save \$5

NATURE HANGOUT



Adult Scavenger Hunt Sat., May 21, 6-8pm

Back by popular demand, this one-of-a-kind adult-only scavenger hunt will make the kids jealous! It's your turn to hit the trails with a GPS and a set of clues. Teams answer riddles, collect items and solve a puzzle to earn points for alcoholic beverages and great prizes. So if you are up for some friendly outdoor competition, get a buddy or three and join us for a scavenger hunt like no other.

\$20 per person; \$15 for Friends of Wehr Members

Price includes activities, gear, and 2 alcoholic beverages

Program is for those 21 & up

Reservations guarantee your spot.

Walk-ins are welcome as space allows

**Friday, June 10,
8-10 pm**

Meet real live Bats!

Discover the fiction, folklore, and facts on bats on nature's only true flying mammal. Learn how you can participate in Citizen Science projects to help bats. Learn about our misunderstood creatures of the night and their immense impact on our diet and landscape.

Registration Required By: Thursday, June 9

Fees: \$10 per person \$7 for Milwaukee County

Residents \$5 for Friends of Wehr Members



Hike for Health

Hike along with this group that walks Wehr's trails together for camaraderie, exercise and fun. Meet in the Visitor Center.

Every Wednesday. Time: 10:30 am

No fee or registration required; regular parking fee in effect

Walk Our Way at Wehr

Listen for the returning birds and enjoy spring wildflowers as you walk for fitness with DiAnn Stasik, owner of Home Fitness, LLC. Do guided warm-up exercises in Wehr's Fireplace Room before you head outside. Use this program to achieve fitness goals including cardiac health, bone density and muscle strength, weight loss/maintenance, and learn more about fitness activity trackers. Program accommodates people at all fitness levels and can be modified to meet individual needs. Offered in partnership with Home Fitness, LLC, <https://www.facebook.com/homefitnessllc/>

Monthly Session Dates: Time: 1-2 pm

April Session, Thursdays; 7, 14, 21, & 28

May Session, Thursdays; 5, 12, 19, & 26

June Session, Thursdays; 2, 9, 16, & 23

Pre-registration is requested. Walk-ins are welcome as space allows.

Fee: \$25 for a monthly session; \$20 for Members of the Friends of Wehr

Early Bird Discount! \$15 per month; \$10 for Members of the Friends of Wehr.

Pay for a monthly session two weeks prior to the first meeting to receive this discount.



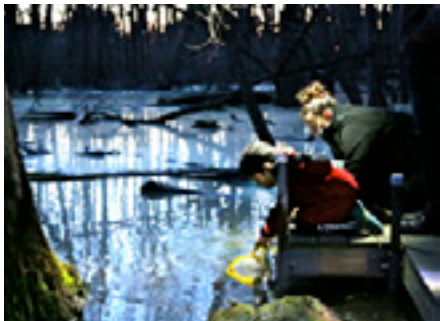
Nature Discovery for Families



Friday and Saturday, April 29 & 30, 7-9 pm

Hop over to Wehr and celebrate spring with the frogs. We will meet some Wisconsin amphibians up close and then stroll out to the ponds of Wehr to listen for the sweet spring sound of frogs chorusing.

Registration Required by Wednesday, April 27



Fee: \$10 per person \$7 for Milwaukee County residents

\$5 for members of Friends of Wehr

Recommended for Ages 5 and older



29th Annual Butterfly Count

Sunday, June 26, 9-11:30 am

Butterfly enthusiasts ages 10 and older are invited to participate in our 29th annual count. We will start with a review of common local butterflies and then spend the morning inventorying along Wehr's trails. Continue with us for an optional session from 12:30-3:30 pm to count at Grant, Warnimont and Sheridan parks. Results are published through the North American Butterfly Association (<http://naba.org>) as part of their National July 4th Count.

\$5 per person



Reptile Day

Sunday, June 12 1-4 pm

Discover the world of Reptile and Amphibians! Meet colorful snakes, wondrous turtles, and strange lizards and salamanders. See dozens of species on display and enjoy a guided hike to look for turtles and listen for frogs. Learn all the ways to live peacefully with our misunderstood and scaly wild neighbors. Kids can enjoy crafts and refreshments available for purchase.

\$3 per person, \$2 for Friends of Wehr Members

Night Sky Viewing

Saturdays, May 7 & June 11, 8-10 pm

Join members of the Wehr Astronomical Society to view the night sky. Look through a telescope and learn about constellations and sky objects with experts.

This free program is canceled if the skies are cloudy.

(Not at Wehr Nature Center)

Location: 9598 S 80th St Franklin, WI 53132

For more information visit: <https://www.facebook.com/WehrAstronomicalSociety/>

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Community Organizations

Wehr is fortunate to host several organizations who share their passion and knowledge about the natural world with the public. For more information about these organizations and details about their programs, please visit their websites or call Wehr (414) 425-8550.



Wehr Camera Club is dedicated to sharing a passion for photography and nature. Visit www.wnccameraclub.com for program information. Public programs are held the 2nd Saturday of the each month, Sept. to June, from 9-11am.

Wisconsin Metro Audubon Society is a chapter of the National Audubon Society that encourages environmental stewardship through education and conservation. Public programs are held the third Wednesday of each month from 7-9 pm, September to May. Visit www.wimetroaudubon.org for program information.

Wild Ones, Natural Landscapers Inc. supports the preservation, restoration and establishment of native plant communities by promoting the use of native plants in landscaping. Meetings are held at WNC from 1:30-3:30 pm the second Saturday of each month from September to April. Please call 414 299-9888 ext 2 for program information.

Wehr Astronomical Society is a group of amateur astronomers that promote the study of astronomy. Meetings are from 7-9 pm the 2nd Tuesday of Feb.-June and Sept.& Nov.; 1st Tuesday evening in October. Visit www.facebook.com/WehrAstronomicalSociety for information.

Adventure Summer Day Camps

Give Your Child the Gift of Nature This Summer

Have your child join our professional naturalists for outdoor adventures that spark their curiosity, make memories and lead to personal discovery. For complete program descriptions and registration details go to: <http://www.friendsofwehr.org/childrens-programs/adventure-summer-camp/> or call Wehr at (414) 425-8550.

Nature Snoopers

August 1-4, 9 am-Noon Ages: 6-8 Wehr Nature Center

Become a super sleuth and uncover the mysteries of life around you. Each day will focus on a different topic such as mammals, insects, reptiles and amphibians.

\$125 Limit 16 campers

You Can Survive

June 28-30, 9 am-4 pm Ages: 10-13 Ross Lodge in Whitnall Park

Do you have what it takes to survive in the wild? Children will discover they can do things they never thought possible. They'll use landmarks, compass and maps to find their way through the forest. They'll build shelters from natural and man-made materials as well as learn fire building skills. Campers will make a survival kit. Finally they'll compete in survival games to test their skills and see who can survive.

\$150 Limit 16 campers



FRIENDS OF WEHR NATURE STORE

We are well stocked for Spring Adventures! We have guidebooks about all our winged friends. For the kids we have bird houses to make, duck calls to quack, binoculars for watching and singing birds of all kinds.

All proceeds go to Friends of Wehr to support the educational programs at Wehr Nature Center. Open 8:30 am to 4 pm daily



Wehr's Top Spring Migrants

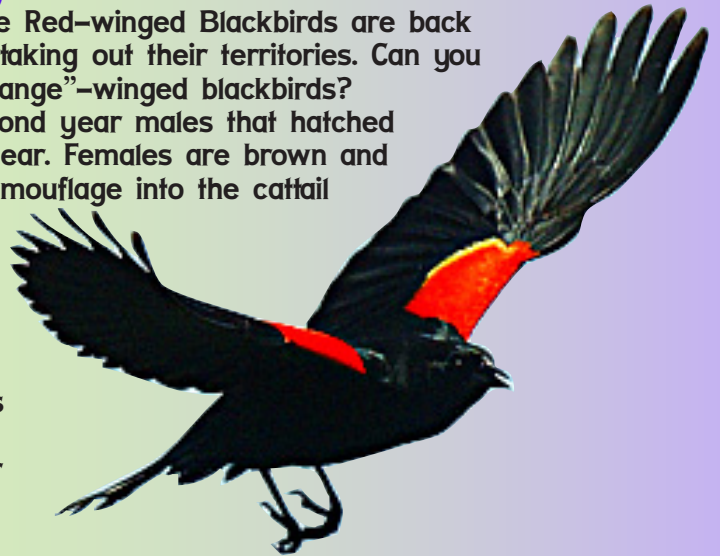


American Robin

The American Robin is the first sign of spring right? Well not necessarily. A few hardy robins will stick around, and they nearly always reported on the Wehr Christmas Bird Count. There is no denying that the “cheery up, cheery oh” song of the robin does brighten the spring mornings.

Red-winged Blackbird

By March male Red-winged Blackbirds are back to Wisconsin staking out their territories. Can you notice any “orange”-winged blackbirds? These are second year males that hatched the previous year. Females are brown and streaked to camouflage into the cattail marshes.



Turkey Vulture

In late February, while the icy grips of winter linger on, the first Turkey Vultures return north. These scavengers find plenty of carcasses to feast on as the landscape melts into spring. Look for them awkwardly soaring over the treetops as they sniff out their next meal.



Eastern Bluebird

Male Eastern Bluebirds will return to southeast Wisconsin a bit earlier than the females. Look for them establishing territories and claiming nest boxes within the Wehr prairie. The males don't contribute much to nest construction however. Females move in and build the nest. Related to robins, female bluebirds lay around 4-5 sky blue eggs.



American Robin - Jim Coda
Red-winged Blackbirds - Jim Burns
Turkey Vultures - Dennis Miller
Eastern Bluebird - Dennis Miller



Eastern Phoebe

Another of the earliest migrants to return, Eastern Phoebes are flycatchers. These brown birds with pale bellies are noted for flicking their tails from prominent perches. Eastern Phoebe was the first species of bird banded in North America, when John James Audubon tied a thread to the legs of nestlings in 1803.

Rose-breasted Grosbeak



While Rose-breasted Grosbeaks are summer nesters in the area, they are most visible during the spring migration. The bold black and white males with their namesake rose-breast are impossible to miss as they munch from the bird feeders.

The brown streaked females can be confused with finches or sparrows, but their heft will aide in identification.

Baltimore Oriole

The pure whistling song of the Baltimore Oriole penetrates the woods during the spring. Orioles are easiest to spot darting in and out for a quick meal of orange, grape jelly, or sugar water at the Wehr feeding stations.

Look for them right around Mother's Day.



Ruby-throated Hummingbird

Another spring icon is the return of the Ruby-throated Hummingbird. The extensive native plantings around the Wehr Nature Center are a hummingbird magnet. The feeders are also a hot spot for seeing the sparkling beauties.



Eastern Phoebe - Al Hand

Rose-breasted Grosbeak - Mark Verhagen

Baltimore Oriole - Mark Verhagen

Ruby-throated Hummingbird - Maark Hilliard



Scarlet Tanager

You wouldn't think it would be hard to spot the brilliant red Scarlet Tanager males, but the reds blend in well with the forest canopy. Spring migration is a great time to find tanagers, and the Maple Woods Trail is one of the best spots at Wehr to search.

All of the warblers

The return of the warblers is a spring highlight for many. They are some of the brightest feathered birds, but they rarely sit still long enough for a long viewing. The Yellow-rumped Warbler is generally the first species to arrive, and as many as 25 species can pass through Wehr in the spring. Most, Wilson's, Black-throated Blue, and Blackburnian are on their way to more northern breeding ranges.

Black Throated Blue Warbler



Yellow Warbler



Yellow Rumped Warbler

Scarlet Tanager – Yucatan Adventure
 Black Throated Blue Warbler – Mark Verhagen
 Yellow Warbler – Dennis Miller
 Yellow Rumped Warbler – Mark Verhagen



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Rubbermaid Wash Tubs

If you are interested in donating any of these items, or would like to contribute money towards their purchase, please contact Carol at (414) 425-8550. Your contributions are tax deductible when made to the **Friends of Wehr**.

Membership Application: This is an annual membership from January - December

Mail to: Friends of Wehr 9701 College Ave. Franklin, WI 53132 Make checks payable to Friends of Wehr or renew online at www.friendsofwehr.org

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	Individual	Family
Regular	\$25 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$35 <input type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting	\$100 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$100 <input type="checkbox"/>
Volunteer (50 hrs)	\$20 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$30 <input type="checkbox"/>

Payment Method ☐ Cash ☐ Check# _____ (payable to Friends of Wehr) Additional Donation \$ _____

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Signature _____ Staff Initials _____ Date Received _____





Mothers Day Weekend Native Plant Sale 2016 Pre-order Form

Forms due by Wednesday, April 20, 2016 - Sorry, no exceptions (Attn. Mark)

Pricing

- ___ # of in 4.5 in. pots at \$6.00 ea. or 3/\$16.00 or as noted. Please order by the pot.
- ☐ # of trays of (16/tray) 2.5 in. plugs for \$44. Please order by the tray ~not available at sale~
- All efforts will be made to fill orders, but actual stock may prevent delivery.

Sale Dates

Saturday, May 7 &
Sunday, May 8
9:00 am - 3:30 pm

Wehr Nature Center
9701 W College Ave
Franklin, WI 53132
Ph 414-425-8550

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ St _____ Zip _____

Phone (____) ____ - ____ - ____

Email _____

- ☐ Check to receive pre-order form next year by email
(Personal information will be used for Plant Sale only)

WOODLAND

2.5" 4.5"

- ___ White Baneberry (*Actea pachypoda*)
- ___ Maidenhair Fern (*Adiantum pedatum*)
- ___ Purple hyssop (*Agastache foeniculum*)
- ☐ ___ Wild Columbine (*Aquilegia canadensis*)
- ___ Jack-in-the-pulpit (*Arisaema triphyllum*)
- ☐ ___ Wild Ginger (*Asarum canadense*)
- ___ Big-leaved aster (*Aster macrophyllus*)
- ___ Lady Fern (*Athyrium filix-femina*)
- ___ Pennsylvania Sedge (*Carex pensylvanica*)
- ___ Burr Sedge (*Carex grayi*)
- ___ Blue Cohosh (*Caulophyllum thalictroides*)
- ___ American bittersweet - female **
(*Celastrus scandens*)
- ___ American bittersweet - male **
(*Celastrus scandens*)
- ___ Virgin's Bower (*Clematis virginiana*)
- ___ Rock Harlequin (*Corydalis sempervirens*)
- ___ Tufted hair grass (*Deschampsia cespitosa*)
- ___ Wood Fern (*Dryopteris goldiana*)
- ___ Sweet Joe-Pye Weed (*Eupatorium purpureum*)
- ☐ ___ Wild Strawberry (*Fragaria virginiana*)
- ___ Wild Geranium (*Geranium maculatum*)
- ___ Pale-leaved woodland sunflower (*Helianthus strumosus*)
- ___ Virginia Waterleaf (*Hydrophyllum virginianum*)
- ___ Bottlebrush Grass (*Hystrix patula*)
- ___ Sensitive Fern (*Onoclea sensibilis*)
- ___ Interrupted Fern (*Osmunda claytoniana*)

WOODLAND (cont.)

2.5" 4.5"

- ___ Woodland Phlox (*Phlox divaricata lamphamii*)
- ___ Royal Fern (*Osmunda regalis*)
- ___ Mayapple (*Podophyllum peltatum*)
- ___ Jacob's Ladder (*Polemonium reptans*)
- ☐ ___ Zigzag Goldenrod (*Solidago flexicaulis*)
- ___ Common Blue Violet (*Viola sororia*)

SPRING EPHEMERAL

- ___ Rue Anemone (*Anemonella thalictroides*)
- ___ Spring Beauty (*Claytonia virginica*)
- ___ Dutchman's Breeches (*Dicentra cucullaria*)
- ___ Trout Lily (*Erythronium americanum*)
- ___ Sharp-lobed Hepatica (*Hepatica acutiloba*)
- ___ Virginia Bluebells (*Mertensia virginica*)
- ___ White Trillium (*Trillium grandiflorum*)
- ___ Yellow Bellwort (*Uvularia grandiflora*)

PRAIRIE

- ☐ ___ Nodding Wild Onion (*Allium cernuum*)
- ___ Leadplant (*Amorpha canescens*)
- ___ Big Bluestem (*Andropogon gerardii*)
- ☐ ___ Canada Anemone (*Anemone canadensis*)
- ___ Thimbleweed (*Anemone virginiana*)
- ___ Pale Indian-plantain (*Arnoglossum atriplicifolium*)
- ☐ ___ Butterfly Weed (*Asclepias tuberosa*)
- ☐ ___ Sky Blue Aster (*Aster azureus*)
- ___ Many-flowered Aster (*Aster ericoides*)

PRAIRIE (cont.)

2.5" 4.5"

- ☐ Smooth Aster (*Aster laevis*)
- ☐ New England Aster (*Aster novae-angliae*)
- ☐ White Baptisia (*Baptisia alba*)
- ☐ Creamy Baptisia (*Baptisia bracteata*)
- ☐ Side-oats Grama (*Bouteloua curtipendula*)
- ☐ Harebell (*Campanula rotundifolia*)
- ☐ Pasque Flower (*Anemone patens*)
- ☐ Fox Sedge (*Carex vulpinoidea*)
- ☐ New Jersey Tea (*Ceanothus americanus*)
- ☐ Sand Coreopsis (*Coreopsis lanceolata*)
- ☐ Coreopsis (*Coreopsis palmata*)
- ☐ Shooting-star (*Dodecatheon meadia*)
- ☐ Purple Prairie Clover (*Dalea purpurea*)
- ☐ Pale Purple Coneflower (*Echinacea pallida*)
- ☐ Purple Coneflower (*Echinacea purpurea*)
- ☐ Purple Love Grass (*Eragrostis spectabilis*)
- ☐ Rattlesnake Master (*Eryngium yuccifolium*)
- ☐ Flowering Spurge (*Euphorbia corollata*)
- ☐ Bottle Gentian (*Gentiana andrewsii*)
- ☐ Prairie Smoke (*Geum triflorum*)
- ☐ Common Sneezeweed (*Helenium autumnale*)
- ☐ Naked Stem Sunflower (*Helianthus occidentalis*)
- ☐ Oxeye (*Heliopsis helianthoides*)
- ☐ Prairie Alumroot (*Heuchera richardsonii*)
- ☐ Sweet Grass (*Hierochloa hirta*)
- ☐ June Grass (*Koeleria macrantha*)
- ☐ Rough Blazing-star (*Liatris aspera*)
- ☐ Showy Blazing-star (*Liatris ligulistylis*)
- ☐ Prairie Blazing-star (*Liatris pycnostachya*)
- ☐ Wild Lupine (*Lupinus perennis*)
- ☐ Wild Bergamot (*Monarda fistulosa*)
- ☐ Golden Groundsel (*Packera aurea*)
- ☐ Switch Grass (*Panicum virgatum*)
- ☐ Wild Quinine (*Parthenium integrifolium*)
- ☐ White Beardtongue (*Penstemon digitalis*)
- ☐ Downy Phlox (*Phlox pilosa*)
- ☐ Smooth Phlox (*Phlox glaberrima interior*)
- ☐ Obedient Plant (*Physostegia virginiana*)
- ☐ Solomon's Seal (*Polygonatum biflorum*)
- ☐ Mountain Mint (*Pycnanthemum virginianum*)
- ☐ Yellow Coneflower (*Ratibida pinnata*)
- ☐ Black-eyed Susan (*Rudbeckia hirta*)
- ☐ Brown-eyed Susan (*Rudbeckia triloba*)
- ☐ Swt. Blk-eyed Susan (*Rudbeckia subtomentosa*)
- ☐ Little Bluestem (*Schizachyrium scoparium*)
- ☐ Compass Plant (*Silphium laciniatum*)
- ☐ Cup plant (*Silphium perfoliatum*)
- ☐ Prairie Dock (*Silphium terebinthinaceum*)
- ☐ Blue-eyed Grass (*Sisyrinchium angustifolium*)
- ☐ False Solomon's Seal (*Smilacina racemosa*)

PRAIRIE (cont.)

2.5" 4.5"

- ☐ Ohio Goldenrod (*Solidago ohioensis*)
- ☐ Riddell's Goldenrod (*Solidago riddellii*)
- ☐ Stiff Goldenrod (*Solidago rigida*)
- ☐ Showy Goldenrod (*Solidago speciosa*)
- ☐ Spiderwort (*Tradescantia ohioensis*)
- ☐ Culver's Root (*Veronicastrum virginicum*)
- ☐ Birdfoot Violet (*Viola pedata*)
- ☐ Heart-leaf Golden Alexander (*Zizia aptera*)
- ☐ Common Golden Alexander (*Zizia aurea*)

WETLAND

- ☐ Sweet-Flag (*Acorus calamus*)
- ☐ Marsh Milkweed (*Asclepias incarnata*)
- ☐ Purple-stem aster (*Aster puniceus*)
- ☐ Marsh Marigold (*Caltha palustris*)
- ☐ Turtlehead (*Chelone glabra*)
- ☐ Porcupine sedge (*Carex hystericina*)
- ☐ Joe-pye Weed (*Eupatorium maculatum*)
- ☐ Boneset (*Eupatorium perfoliatum*)
- ☐ Giant St. John's Wort (*Hypericum pyramidatum*)
- ☐ Blue Flag Iris (*Iris versicolor*)
- ☐ Soft Rush (*Juncus effusus*)
- ☐ Cardinal Flower (*Lobelia cardinalis*)
- ☐ Great Blue Lobelia (*Lobelia siphilitica*)
- ☐ Monkey Flower (*Mimulus ringens*)
- ☐ Blue Vervain (*Verbena hastata*)
- ☐ Ironweed (*Vernonia fasciculata*)

**Gallon Pots@\$9.00 ea.

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- _____ # of Gallon pots (Bittersweet) @ \$9.00 ea.
- _____ # of 2.5 in. plug trays @ \$44 ea.

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